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Application No. : 09/982,334  
Applicant : Manuel et al.  
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Art Unit : 3671  
Examiner: : Kovacs, Arpad F.  
  
Atty. Docket No. : 15827-US  
Title : BLADE MOUNTING APPARATUS FOR A  
CUTTING IMPLEMENT

Moline, IL 61265

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Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Second Amendment

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 15 July 2003, Paper No. 8, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this Paper.